

THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

UNDERWOOD HAS THE LEAD OVER WILSON AND HARMON.

Judge Pell Gets Over Two-Thirds of the County's Vote.—Dr. Young Endorsed as Delegate to National Convention.—Locke Craig for Governor and Doughton for Congress.—All Democrats Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

The Cabarrus County Democratic convention was held at the courthouse Saturday. The convention opened at 1:30 o'clock and quite a number of delegates were present, very prominent being represented except No. 7 township. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. J. L. Miller, Mr. J. B. Cook was chosen chairman, Messrs. L. T. Tartsell, J. C. Fink and John M. Ozlesby were appointed secretaries. The vote on the various candidates for President were then taken, resulting as follows: Harmon, 10.43; Wilson, 24.37; Underwood, 28.20.

Locke Craig was endorsed for governor by acclamation, as were all other candidates for State offices who have no opposition, except Treasurer, several votes being cast for Mr. W. R. Odell for this office. Mr. Odell's vote was complimentary as he is not a candidate for the office.

Hon. R. L. Doughton was endorsed for Congress by acclamation.

For Lieutenant Governor the following vote was cast: Daughtridge 7; Shaw, 23; Daniel, 10; McRae, 5; Bonshall, 3; Newland, 15.

Three candidates were placed in nomination for Corporation Commissioner (long term), Pell, Justice and Maxwell. The vote was: Pell, 41; Justice 18, and Maxwell, 4.

Mr. S. G. Daniel was endorsed by acclamation for the short term.

Dr. R. S. Young was endorsed as delegate to Democratic National convention. The delegation is unopposed as to the other delegates and the two alternates.

All Democrats at the convention were elected delegates to the Congressional Convention, which meets in Salisbury June 5 and to the State Convention which meets in Raleigh, June 6. They were instructed to cast the vote as expressed in convention for the various candidates.

Chairman Cook requested that all members of the county executive committee meet immediately after the convention adjourned, stating that Chairman Miller had tendered his resignation and it would be necessary to elect a successor.

At the committee meeting it was decided to postpone the election of a chairman. This will be done at a later meeting, probably in a very short time.

Rowan Democratic Convention.

Salisbury, May 26.—Rowan Democrats yesterday nominated P. S. Carlson and Walter Murphy for the legislature, T. D. Brown for State Senate, and a full county ticket. Col. A. H. Boyden, who was unopposed, had been nominated for the Senate in the primaries but withdrew in favor of Mr. Brown, a farmer, so the county would have a representative on the legislative ticket. Early in the convention a resolution for unopposed delegates to the National Convention created a warm discussion which grew so hot it was dropped until other business could be attended to. Later the vote was divided equally between Wilson's man, Whitehead Klutz, and Hayden Clement, in favor of no instruction. The convention endorsed R. L. Doughton for Congress; Locke Craig for Governor; Ben Lacy for State Treasurer; George P. Pell for Corporation Commissioner; J. Bryan Grimes for Secretary of State. It also endorsed the salary system for county officers and reaffirmed its allegiance to the resolution of 12 years limiting county officers to three terms.

1,000 Underwood Boosters to Baltimore From Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—Georgia's delegation to the Democratic National convention at Baltimore will be escorted by a special party of 1,000 Underwood enthusiasts, who will take with them three brass bands and a pipe and drum corps, it was announced today. Two special trains of Pullman coaches will be chartered for the trip and arrangements have been made for the "rooters" to occupy the coaches during their stay in Baltimore.

A blunt man is one who wastes no time in coming to the point.

THE STATE PRIMARIES.

Result in Doubt as Between Wilson and Underwood.—Pell Far Ahead For Corporation Commissioner.

Democratic conventions with two exceptions (Caldwell and Wake) were held in all the counties throughout North Carolina last Saturday. Delegates were elected to the State convention to be held at Raleigh June 6 and the congressional and judicial conventions.

Many of the conventions sent their delegates uninstructed, at the same time the delegates expressing a preference, while others instructed outright for either Underwood or Wilson. Harmon and Clark got a few votes here and there, but none to amount to anything.

Locke Craig was endorsed in nearly all the counties for Governor.

In only one or two instances did the senatorship contest crop out, the party evidently deciding to let this matter take care of itself later on, when a State-wide primary will be held to name a successor to Senator Simmons.

E. L. Travis has the lead over S. G. Daniel for short term of Corporation Commissioner. George P. Pell gets 75 per cent. of the instructed vote for long term Corporation Commissioner, with A. J. Maxwell second best, who has a good lead over A. B. Justice of Charlotte.

For Lieutenant Governor W. E. Daniel, of Weldon, has a decided lead in the instructed vote, with John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, second.

Pell Far Ahead.

Winston-Salem, May 25.—Telegrams and long distance phone messages tonight to former Judge George P. Pell, candidate for long term Corporation Commissioner, indicate that he got practically solid support from the following counties in the State conventions:

Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Cabarrus, Caswell, Currituck, Davie, Durham, Davidson, Forsyth, Graham, Hyde, Montgomery, Orange, Pasquotank, Polk, Perquimans, Person, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Washington, Watauga, Wilkes, Wilson and Yadkin.

Most of the Delegates Uninstructed.

With returns from 73 of the 100 counties of the State in hand last night it was quite evident that the question of whether the Wilson or Underwood forces were in control rested almost solely with the uninstructed delegations. The counties reported so far have a vote in the State convention of 799 and of this more than half, or 446 delegates go uninstructed. Wilson people concentrated their fight in many counties for instructed delegates and succeeded in getting a total of 182.81 convention votes in 30 counties. In many instances it was known that the opposition to Wilson bent their energies for uninstructed delegates. The Underwood strength in 28 counties is 121.85 votes. The Harmon and Clark strength combined as shown in 14 counties totals 11.12 convention votes.

Frieze-Query Engagement Announced

Miss Sudie Harris entertained a number of friends at her home on West Depot street from 8:30 to 11 o'clock Friday night in compliment her visitors, Misses Hetty Pitts and Vivian Simpson, of Glen Alpine, N. C. During the evening, while merriment reigned supreme, the hostess announced the engagement of Miss Beulah Query to Mr. Scott Frieze, the wedding to occur June 12th. Miss Query has held a position at the Cabarrus Savings Bank for a number of years and is very popular among a large circle of friends, while Mr. Frieze, the groom-to-be, is one of Concord's young business men, having been connected with the Gibson Drug Store for several years.

Family Reunion at Mr. John A. Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sims are having a family reunion at their home a short distance from the city. The guests are: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mewborne and son, of Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Parks and children, Yorkville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Williams and children, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Pickard, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sloan, of Charlotte; Mrs. Will Johnson and children, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sims and children, of Harrisburg; J. G. Sims, of New York, and Miss Johnnie Sims.

Mrs. Cline to Entertain in Honor of Mrs. Sanders.

The following invitations have been issued:

Mrs. Ralph E. Cline at home Wednesday, May the twenty-ninth four to six Mrs. Royal S. Sanders.

"Fruit a la filth"—the kind served from sidewalk stands after being exposed to street dirt and flies.

SEVERAL BATTLESHIPS SAIL FOR CUBA

ONLY TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS, SAYS PRESIDENT

Opinion is Expressed by Officials, However, That Troops Will Be Landed if Conditions Do Not Improve.—\$30,000,000 of American Property in Danger.—Most Serious Conditions Prevail.

Washington, May 27.—President Gomez's protest against American intervention will have no effect upon the preparations of the United States army and navy to land expeditions if conditions in the island do not rapidly improve, is the opinion expressed by officials here today. The most serious conditions are believed to prevail in the Province Orient, where there are at least \$30,000,000 worth of American property.

New York, May 27.—The armored cruiser Washington, flagship of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet and four battleships of the fourth division sailed south, supposedly for Key West, on hurry orders yesterday a few hours after arrival in port from Provincetown, Mass. The battle ships following the flagship were the Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi and Minnesota.

Taft Says Marines Are to Protect American Interests.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 27.—President Taft today sent a message to Gomez, of Cuba, assuring him that the United States will not intervene. President Taft said he was sending marines for the purpose of protecting American interests only.

700 Marines Reach Guantanamo.

Havana, May 27.—The cruiser Prairie with 700 marines aboard reached the Guantanamo naval station today. The marines immediately landed to reinforce the small guard already there. Government officials asserted today that the revolution is confined to the Orient province and will soon be stamped out. Two negro leaders have surrendered. Vandalism is reported at several points today, but it is the work of individuals and not organized bands.

Mr. Sims' Proposed Trip.

Mr. Editor: Your notice of my trip to Riviera, Texas, has caused a number of friends to inquire as to where Riviera is located. Riviera is located on the gulf coast of Texas, 103 miles this side of Brownsville, on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad. This is a new road from Houston to Brownsville, built as near the gulf as possible, and as far as climatic conditions go, the entire gulf coast country is very fine for certain forms of ill health. Several friends are expecting to make the trip with me. We leave Concord Monday, June 3rd, by way of Birmingham, Memphis, through Oklahoma, middle Texas and Houston around the gulf coast as far as Brownsville with various side trips in Oklahoma and out from the gulf coast road to various points, a round trip of 3,660 miles. Rate fraction over one and one-half cents a mile good for 25 days, with stop-over privileges going or coming. I will gladly give any information possible. JNO. A. SIMS.

Evidence Against Claude Allen Concluded.

Wytheville, Va., May 27.—The State today concluded the direct evidence against Claude Swanson Allen, son of Floyd Allen, now held to execute in the electric chair for his part in the Hillside murders. Young Allen is likewise charged with first degree murder for his shooting in Judge Massie's court room.

Briggs Says Taft Will Sweep New Jersey.

Perth Amboy, N. J., May 27.—United States Senator Briggs, of New Jersey, who has traveled through the State with Taft, made the statement today predicting that Taft would sweep the State in Tuesday's primaries.

The Conventions.

Democratic Congressional Convention, at Salisbury, June 5th.
Democratic National Convention, at Baltimore, June 25th.
Democratic State Convention, at Raleigh, Thursday, June 6.

Mr. Walter Moser, formerly a member of the pitching staffs of the Boston and St. Louis Americans, is now with the Sioux City Club of the Western League.

NO. 29 WILL STOP HERE.

Will Again Stop Here on Flag as it Did Previous to May 12. The editor of The Times received the following letter Saturday morning:

Greenville, S. C., May 24, 1912. Mr. J. B. Sherrill, Concord, N. C.

Dear Sir: Your favor of May 14th. We have arranged to have train No. 29 stop on flag at Concord as previous to May 12th. Yours very truly, L. H. HUNGERFORD, Superintendent.

This news will be received in Concord with pleasure. All trains of the Southern now stop in Concord. Immediately after the order was issued to discontinue Concord as a flag stop May 12, the matter was taken up by our city authorities. The editor of this paper also took up the matter with Mr. Hungerford and with Mr. Henry W. Miller, assistant to the president, at Atlanta. Immediate and courteous replies were received from both, and they indicated that the matter would be remedied.

THE NEW CAR ARRIVED LAST SATURDAY.

One of the Latest Models. — Was Started That Evening. — Schedule Evening — Echedule Every Thirty Minutes.

The new street car arrived Saturday morning from Greensboro. The car is one of those recently received by the North Carolina Public Service Company at Greensboro and has been in use there only a short time. It is one of the latest models and in appearance will compare favorably with the cars in use on any line in this section. A force of hands spent the morning unloading the car and it was started up about 4 o'clock to be in operation from the depot to Gibson Mill that evening. The company will maintain a faster schedule and hopes to make round trip every thirty minutes.

Porch Party for Little Girls.

Thursday's Greensboro News contained the following: Yesterday afternoon at her home on Blandwood avenue, Mrs. Irving H. Eldridge very pleasantly entertained a bevy of little girls at a porch party in honor of her cousin, Cottrell Sherrill, of Concord, who is her guest.

The hostess had planned a number of unique guessing games which afforded much merriment. The vine covered porch where dainty refreshments were served was beautiful with its decorations of pink and white roses mingled with palms and ferns. Those who made up this happy party were:

Marion Gilmer, Elizabeth Harrison, Mabel Alderman, Eugenia Patterson, Aleec Sapp, Mary Turner, Sallie Alston, Love Ireland, Claire Stafford, Dorothy Brown, Lucile Hull, Dorothy and Maude Herrimon, Frances Millikan, Margaret Chamberlain, Maurice Moore, Lois Petty, Margaret Hunt, Frances Shaw, Virginia Schenck, Louis Stamey, Lena Albright, Dorothy Haller, Mary Louise Patterson, Cottrell Sherrill and Mary Lilly Eldridge.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Founding of Davidson College.

Davidson, May 26.—The celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Davidson College was ushered in today by a sermon by Rev. Dr. George L. Petrie, of Charlottesville, Va., before the Y. M. C. A. of the college.

A large and inspiring audience assembled in the Presbyterian church at the hour for morning worship. Among the ministers present were: Rev. Drs. James McDowell and J. G. Richards, Charles G. Vardell, Red Springs, R. E. Vinson, Texas, W. L. Lingle, Richmond.

Lorimer Refuses to Resign.

Chicago, May 27.—The Tribune here today said: "William Lorimer refuses to resign as United States Senator from Illinois. The belief is that he will force his friends to go to the limit probably until the eve of a decision vote, then he will resign."

Wilbur Wright Worse.

Dayton, Ohio, May 27.—Wilbur Wright is worse today. He suffered another relapse and his typhoid condition is again critical. Physicians are in constant attendance.

A telegram was received here by relatives yesterday from Mr. Stuart Morrison stating that Mrs. Morrison had undergone an operation for appendicitis at their home in Wilson. The operation was successful and Mrs. Morrison was resting as well as could be expected.

THE BIG FIGHT IS ON FOR CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS AT CHICAGO JUNE 6.

Forecast of Bitter Fight Over Temporary Chairman of Chicago Convention.—Clapp is Roosevelt's Candidate, and Root is Taft's.—May be Decisive Point in Taft-Roosevelt Feud.

Washington, May 27.—The forecast is for a bitter pre-convention fight over temporary chairman of Republican convention at Chicago. Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, Roosevelt's choice for the place, left here today for Jersey City to confer with Roosevelt. The conferences come on the heels of a statement by Senator Elihu Root, of New York, who is Taft's choice, that he will accept the chairmanship.

The fight has just begun and may be the decisive point in the Taft-Roosevelt feud. The National Committee meets at Chicago June 6.

COMMENCEMENT AT SCOTIA SEMINARY.

Exercises Began Yesterday and Will Conclude Wednesday Morning With Graduating Exercise.

The annual commencement of Scotia Seminary were formally opened yesterday afternoon at Westminster church when Dr. A. W. Verner, president of the institution, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. The church was crowded to its capacity and Dr. Verner's effort was listened to with undivided interest.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock the entertainment by the preparatory school will be held in the chapel. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the annual address will be delivered at Westminster church by Rev. Dr. James A. Snowden, professor of Theology at the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburg.

Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock the exercises by the graduating class will be held in the chapel. The graduating class numbers thirty-four this year.

Illness From Eating Ice Cream.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cook, Master John M. Cook, Jr., and Miss Ethelyn Crabtree, of Salem, Va., guest of Mrs. Cook, were taken suddenly ill. For a time their condition was serious and ptomaine poison was feared. Late in the afternoon, however, their condition improved and this morning they were very much better, Mr. Cook being able to sit up.

It is thought the cream served for dinner was the cause of the illness. Miss Ella Belle Shirey, who is also a guest of Mrs. Cook, suffered no ill results from eating the cream. The ice cream was made at home and was made of cream and fruit, and the family is at a loss to know just how it caused such ill effects.

The Peeler Reunion.

The second annual reunion of the Peeler generation will be held in the grove at Crescent orphanage, Thursday, August 22nd. The president, Rev. A. S. Peeler, will appoint the different committees within a week or so. A splendid programme will then be arranged.

It is planned to make this reunion much larger in scope than the first one. Representatives of the Peeler family are expected from Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida and other States, besides those in different sections of North Carolina.

The Stanly Convention.

The Democratic county convention was held in Albemarle Saturday to nominate officers for the various county offices: Representative, R. E. Austin; sheriff, T. R. Forst; treasurer, R. N. Furr; cotton weigher, J. T. Lewis; coroner, P. J. Honeycutt; surveyor, A. S. Lentz; county commissioners, T. S. Parker, Z. D. Coggins, A. M. Mabry, were nominated.

An Inquiry.

Now that the citizens have to buy their drinking water and Union street has been fixed so that it is not necessary to sprinkle it, can't the town sprinkle Spring street and the cross streets this summer?

INQUIRER.

The street car force will begin work this afternoon on the street in the business section of the city. This work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. According to the agreement with the city the work is to be completed by June 13th.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Good Work of the New Trolley Car.—Mrs. Howell Returns From Sanatorium.—Personals.

Mr. J. T. Miller, of East Point, Ga., spent Sunday in the city with his father-in-law, Mr. B. B. Reaford. Mr. Miller was accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Lanie and Sarah, who will spend a month or more in Concord with Mr. Reaford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stone spent Sunday in Kannapolis with Mr. J. W. R. Miller.

Mr. J. T. Howell spent a few hours in Statesville Saturday and on the return trip was accompanied by his wife who has been in Dr. Long's sanatorium for the past five weeks. The many friends of Mrs. Howell will be glad to learn that her health has greatly improved under hospital treatment.

Misses Ethel Johnson and Bertha Lanker spent Sunday in Kannapolis with Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Mr. Prentiss Reaford, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with his father, Mr. P. B. Reaford.

Messrs. T. P. Moore and Tom Johnson, of Kannapolis, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Mr. W. A. Wilkinson spent Sunday in Greensboro with his children, Misses Helen and Madge Wilkinson, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Hay. Mr. Wilkinson heard the baccalaureate sermon of G. F. College, where Miss Helen is a student.

Mr. Earl Ridmelour, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Concord with relatives.

Mr. T. R. Simpson, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday in the city with family at the home of his father, Rev. Jacob Simpson. Mrs. Simpson and children accompanied Mr. Simpson to Bessemer City last night.

The street car folks have doubtless been the recipient of much verbal abuse from the traveling public in the last ten days, but last night some thirty people were agreeable surprised to find a strong trolley car awaiting No. 35's arrival, which was four hours late, and arrived about 12:30. Such service will quickly win the public's favor.

Dr. Fred Misenheimer Stabbed.

Dr. Fred Misenheimer, son of Dr. C. A. Misenheimer, of Charlotte, was stabbed in a room at the Buford Hotel about 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Today's Observer has the following concerning the matter:

Out of the maze of conflicting reports it developed early yesterday morning that Claude Blackwell, live stock dealer of Kershaw, S. C., was the man who stabbed Dr. Fred Misenheimer in Room 28 at the Buford hotel Saturday and not R. B. Beckhaam as first reported.

Blackwell is a young man about 21 years of age, and admits his part in the cutting. He was arrested yesterday in his room at a hotel in Lancaster and brought back to Charlotte in the afternoon in an automobile by Chief Christenbury.

"Misenheimer was hitting Skipper and myself over the head with a plumbers' churn stick," said Blackwell at the police station last night, "and I asked him to stop, and when he kept on, I stuck him with my knife. Of course, I did not mean to hurt him seriously and did not think that I had done so until later. I went down stairs into the lobby and told a bell boy to get a doctor. I was in the room when an officer came in and remained until the doctors had arrived."

Roosevelt and Taft in New Jersey.

Morristown, N. J., May 27.—Roosevelt in a rear platform speech here today replied to Taft's charges that Roosevelt had been extravagant with public funds while President. Roosevelt said that during his administration such a big surplus had been accumulated he was able partly to pay for the Panama canal without asking Congress for an appropriation.

Perth Amboy, N. J., May 27.—"You all remember what Roosevelt said about me four years ago," said President Taft here today. "I can't repeat to you what he said. I would blush to do so. In effect he said that I was the best man in the country to be President. Well, I can only say that I think he was much nearer the mark in his opinion of me than than he is now."

Jersey Campaign Ends.

Trenton, N. J., May 27.—Political leaders gave final instructions to their lieutenants in the New Jersey campaign today; the speakers closed their tours and the lines were drawn tight for the voting tomorrow, when the State's preference for presidential candidates, Republican and Democratic, will be expressed at the primaries. The general prediction is that the result of the contest between Taft and Roosevelt for the Republican indorsement is likely to be exceedingly close.